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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the March 25, 2003 Restriction Requirement in the above U.S. patent application, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-30, with traverse.

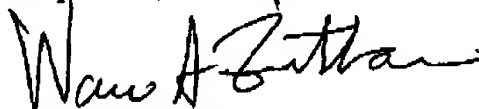
The Examiner maintains that Groups I-III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because "each Group is drawn to a composition that contains different ingredients." However, each Group is directed to an animal feed supplement that includes "fish meal as a source of omega 3 long chain fatty acids". See Claim 1 (Group I), Claim 31 (Group II), and Claim 49 (Group III). The claimed fatty acids maximize the nutritional value of food from an animal which is fed with the feed supplement, without tainting the organoleptic qualities of the food (see, for example, specification at pages 5-6). Thus, Group I-III have a technical relationship involving a corresponding technical feature. Accordingly, unity of invention exists for Groups I-III.

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The unity of invention for Groups I-III is similar to that disclosed in Example 10, Section II, of Annex B, Part 2: Examples Concerning Unity of Invention of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT. A copy of this Annex is included in the MPEP.

As unity of invention exists for the pending claims, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested. If any fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 501032 (Docket No. WAL5-102).

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